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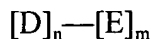
1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A coating composition for an implantable medical device comprising a combination of a bioactive material and a vehicle therefor, wherein the vehicle comprises a first compound and a second compound, which

wherein the first compound is a random copolymer of Formula 1:



wherein A is a vinyl acetal group, B is a vinyl alcohol group and C is a vinyl acetate group and wherein $x > 0$ and $x + y + z = 1$,

and ~~a~~ the second compound ~~which is comprises a~~ polymer of Formula 2:



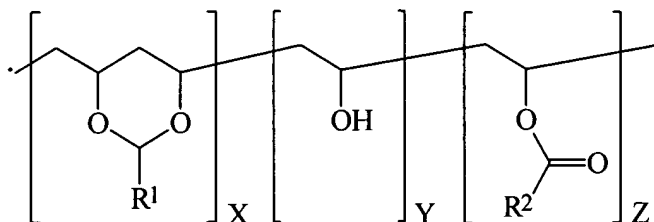
wherein D is a vinyl pyrrolidone group and E is a vinyl acetate group and wherein $0 \leq m \leq 1$ and $n + m = 1$.

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ~~proportion of said~~ second compound ~~is comprises~~ up to 80% by weight of the coating composition.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A composition as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein n is from about 0.3 to 0.7 and m is from about 0.3 to 0.7.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A composition as claimed in **any preceding** claim 1, wherein **said the** second compound is poly(vinyl pyrrolidone-co-vinyl acetate) with an average Mw of **about** 50,000.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A composition as claimed in **any preceding** claim 1, wherein $[A]_x-[B]_y-[C]_z$ is a compound of Formula 1A:



wherein R^1 and R^2 are independently ~~H or an~~ **selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen**, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl **or and** aryl group and wherein optionally **an the** alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl or aryl group may be substituted for any pendent hydrogen atom.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A composition as claimed in claim 5, wherein x is from **about** 0.8 to 0.9, y is from **about** 0.1 to 0.2 and z is from **about** 0 to 0.025.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A composition as claimed in claim 5 ~~or 6~~, wherein **said the** first compound is poly(vinylbutyral-co-vinyl alcohol-co-vinyl acetate) with an average Mw from **about** 50,000 to **about** 80,000 and with **about** 88 wt% vinyl butyral groups.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A composition as claimed in **any preceding** claim 1, wherein the bioactive **material** is dexamethasone, rapamycin or 17 β -Estradiol.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A composition as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the proportion of bioactive material to vehicle is from about 1:9 to about 1:1.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for coating a medical device comprising the step of:

(a) applying to at least a part of the medical device a first coating composition as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 9.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method as claimed in claim 10 additionally comprising the step of:

(b) applying to at least a part of the medical device a second coating composition as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 9, wherein ~~said the~~ first coating composition and ~~said the~~ second coating composition are the same or different.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method as claimed in claim 11, wherein the first coating composition has a vehicle comprising ~~said the~~ first compound and ~~said the~~ second compound in a ratio from about 80:20 to about 100:0 and wherein the second coating composition has a vehicle comprising ~~said the~~ first compound and ~~said the~~ second compound in a ratio from about 70:30 to about 94:6.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method as claimed in claim 11, wherein the ratio of ~~said the~~ first compound to ~~said the~~ second compound is about 98:2 in the first coating composition and about 90:10 in the second coating composition.

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method as claimed ~~in any of claims~~ claim 11 to 13, wherein the first coating composition includes rapamycin and the second coating composition includes dexamethasone.

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A medical device **having comprising** a first coating ~~of a~~ composition as claimed in any **one** of claims 1 to 9, wherein the first coating **composition** is applied directly to the **medical** device.

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A device as claimed in claim 15 **having comprising** a second coating **composition** (which is the same as or different to the first coating) as claimed in any **one** of claims 1 to 9, wherein the second coating **composition** is applied to at least a part of the first coating **composition**.

17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A device as claimed in claim 16 wherein the first coating **composition** has a vehicle comprising **said the** first compound and **said the** second compound in a ratio from **about** 80:20 to **about** 100:0 and wherein the second coating **composition** has a vehicle comprising **said the** first compound and **said the** second compound in a ratio from **about** 70:30 to **about** 94:6.

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A device as claimed in claim 17, wherein the ratio of **said the** first compound to **said the** second compound is **about** 98:2 in the first coating **composition** and **about** 90:10 in the second **coating composition**.

19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A device as claimed in ~~any of claims~~ **claim** 16 to ~~18~~, wherein the first coating composition includes rapamycin and the second coating composition includes dexamethasone.

20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A device as claimed in ~~any of claims~~ **claim** 15 to ~~19~~ which is a stent or graft-stent.

21. (CANCELED) ~~A method of using a device as claimed in any of claims 15 to 20 comprising implanting the device in an animal or human body.~~

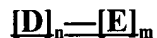
22. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A vehicle for carrying a bioactive material, wherein the vehicle ~~is as defined in any of claims 1 to 7~~ comprises a first compound and a second compound,

wherein the first compound is a random copolymer of Formula 1:



wherein A is a vinyl acetal group, B is a vinyl alcohol group and C is a vinyl acetate group and wherein $x > 0$ and $x + y + z = 1$,

and the second compound comprises a polymer of Formula 2:



wherein D is a vinyl pyrrolidone group and E is a vinyl acetate group and wherein $0 \leq m \leq 1$ and $n + m = 1$.